

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – PR&RD Department – Issue of false experience certificate to Contractor - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, formerly Superintending Engineer (PR), Guntur and now retired Chief Engineer, PR – Enquiry completed – Imposition of penalty of withholding of 10% pension for a period of 5 years besides stoppage of gratuity permanently – Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG. I A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 231

Dated:19-02-2011.

Read the following:

1. Govt. Memo No.907/VS.I/A2/2002-14, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dated: 9.6.2004.
2. From Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, Chief Engineer (PR), Written Statement of Defence dt.21-8-2004.
3. G.O.Rt.No. 299, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dated: 28.2.2005.
4. From Sri A. Madhusudhan Reddy, IAS (Retd.), Member,COI & Enquiry Officer, Letter No.168/COI-AMR/2005-4, Dated: 15.12.2005.
5. Govt. Memo No.907/Vig. IA/2002-20, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dated:26.08.2006.
6. Representation from Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, Chief Engineer (PR) (Retd.), dt.4-10-2006.
7. Govt. Memo No.907/Vig.IA/2002-27, Dated: 9.7.2008.
8. Representation from Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, Chief Engineer (PR) (Retd.), dt.9.9.2008 & 9.3.2010.
9. Govt. Letter No.907/Vig.IA/2002-36, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dt.1.7.2010.
10. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.1157/RT-I/3/08, Dt.9.8.2010.

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ORDER:-

In the Govt. Memo 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the following charges were framed against Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, formerly Superintending Engineer (PR), Guntur and now Chief Engineer (PR) (Retired) for the irregularities in issue of false experience certificate to a Contractor, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:-

Charge – I : While working as Superintending Engineer, PR Circle, Guntur, Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, SE had countersigned false experience certificate to Sri A. Venkateswarlu, Contractor for Rs.410.00 lakhs for the work “construction of bridge at Paleru river between Chirikurapadu and Vikkerala in P.R. Division, Kandukur violating conduct rules.

Charge-II : That he had countersigned false experience certificate for Rs.43.10 lakhs to Sri A. Venkateswarlu, Contractor for the work “providing B.T. surface to the road from Kandukur to V.V. Palem” violating conduct rules.

Charge-III: That he had countersigned false experience certificate to Sri A. Venkateswarlu, Contractor for Rs.27.65 lakhs for the work “providing B.T. road from Pathapadu to Chittipalli in Prakasam District” violating conduct rules.

Charge-IV: That he had colluded with the contractor and provided him with false experience certificate. Based on the false and fabricated experience certificate, Sri A. Venkateswarlu, Contractor had got the bids for works in R&B Department awarded to him valued at about Rs.566 lakhs. His action tantamounts to abetting the contractor in conspiracy in getting the work awarded to him by unlawful means violating the conduct rules.

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2. In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, formerly Superintending Engineer (PR), Guntur (now retired Chief Engineer, PR) has submitted his written statement of defence. After examining the same, in the G.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, Sri A. Madhusudhan Reddy, IAS (Retd.) Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries has been appointed as Enquiry Officer for conducting regular enquiry and Sri G. Krishna Murthy, Chief Engineer, PR, NABARD has been appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Enquiry Officer on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

3. In the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his enquiry report. The Enquiry Officer in his findings has held that all the charges framed against Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, formerly Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur and now Chief Engineer, PR (Retd.) as proved.

4. In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above, a copy of Enquiry Report has been communicated to Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, formerly Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur and now Chief Engineer, PR (Retd.) with a direction to submit his explanation on the findings the Enquiry Officer. In the reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, formerly Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur and now Chief Engineer, PR (Retd.) has submitted his explanation.

5. Government after examination of the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer with reference to the Enquiry Officer's report have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding of 10% pension for a period of 5 years besides stoppage of gratuity on Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, formerly Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur and now Chief Engineer, PR (Retd.) and accordingly, a show cause notice was issued in the reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above, directing Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, formerly Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur and now Chief Engineer, PR (Retd.) to show cause as to why a penalty of withholding of 10% pension for a period of 5 years besides stoppage of gratuity should not be imposed on him. In the reference 8<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, formerly Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur and now Chief Engineer, PR (Retd.) has submitted his representation. After examining the said representation submitted by Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, formerly Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur and now Chief Engineer, PR (Retd.), Government have decided to impose the penalty of withholding of 10% pension for a period of 5 years besides stoppage of gratuity on him. Accordingly, in the reference 9<sup>th</sup> read above, the concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been sought on the punishment proposed. In the reference 10<sup>th</sup> read above, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has concurred with the punishment proposed by Government.

6. Government, after careful examination of the entire matter, have decided and accordingly, hereby impose the penalty of withholding of 10% pension for a period of 5 years besides stoppage of gratuity on Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, formerly Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur and now Chief Engineer, PR (Retd.).

7. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR. RAJIV SHARMA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri N. Ramachandra Rao, formerly Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur and now Chief Engineer, PR (Retd.), through the Engineer-in-Chief (Panchayat Raj), Hyderabad .

The Engineer-in-Chief (Panchayat Raj), Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, M.J. Road, Nampally, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission.

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SECTION OFFICER